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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2001 originally required a reply by January 19 2002.

Applicants desire additional time to respond to the Office Action, and therefore request that the deadline for reply to the Office Action be extended under the provisions of Rule 136(a) to February 19, 2002. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$110.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITION WITH THE UNITED STATE POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON. D.C. 20231 ON

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